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Damage by cyclone in Kasaragod taluk.

* 27 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that owing to the unprecedented gale and rain vast tracts of cultivated land have been washed off or filled with mud and stones due to heavy land slides in the villages of Belur, Pullur and others in Kasaragod taluk;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that pattadars of the villages affected have made representations to the District Magistrate and the Board of Revenue praying that relief may be given to them in the matter of remissions of assessment; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Procedure for the inspection of the records of the Village Panchayats by Revenue Officials.

* 28 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the records of the village panchayats should be inspected by Revenue officials in the panchayat village and at the Panchayat office; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the case of the officials, if any, who summoned the panchayat presidents to come to their office or camps though they might be at varying distances from the panchayat villages, with their records for inspection?

A.—Not necessarily. The records should be inspected as near the village concerned, as the revenue officer's convenience permits.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to revise their orders to the effect that the Revenue officials should go to the panchayat offices for the purpose of inspecting their records instead of summoning them to their camps with all the records? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I shall consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Is the panchayat president an honorary or paid officer? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" He is an honorary officer."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Does he get conveyance allowance for carrying the records? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I must ask the hon. Member to address the question to the Minister in charge of Local Self-Government."